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 Citrus

Family Care Network

BE a FOSTER PARENT



# OPEN YOUR Heart and Home

There is an urgent need for Foster Parents in our community. Hundreds of children in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment and entered the system through no fault of their own. Foster Parents provide a loving, temporary refuge until the children can be reunified with their biological parents or enter a permanent living arrangement (*such as adoption*).

Ask yourself if you feel called to open your heart and home. You can make a difference for a lifetime in a relatively short time. The greatest need is for Foster Parents for older youth and sibling groups.



# FOSTER Parent requirements

To ensure the safety of each child, Foster Parent candidates must:

- Be dedicated to nurturing the child, working with everyone involved in the child's life, and supporting reunification with his or her biological family.
- Be a Florida resident who is age 21 or older.
- Be financially stable (*able to meet your expenses*) and have adequate room in your home.
- Consent to criminal and child abuse registry checks.
- Complete the required training classes.
- Meet with a licensing counselor for an in-depth home study.

Please note that many things are not on the list. You do not have to be rich, married, or a homeowner to foster, and great Foster Parents come from many backgrounds.



# STEPS TO BECOMING a FOSTER Parent

## STEP 1

Contact Citrus Family Care Network to receive answers to your questions and discuss your unique situation.

## STEP 2

Attend an informative Foster Parent Orientation.

## STEP 3

Complete PRIDE (*Parent Resource for Information Development and Education*) Training.

## STEP 4

While training, have a comprehensive home study completed by a licensing counselor.

## STEP 5

Welcome your first foster child into your home!



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Take the first step today. Please call 855-786-KIDS (5437), or complete the online contact form at [CitrusFCN.com](http://CitrusFCN.com).

Citrus Family Care Network is the Lead Agency that manages foster care in our community.



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